

A DECLARATION OF THE  
LORDS and COMMONS assembled in Parlia-  
ment, for the protection of Sir *William Brereton*, in the  
County of *Chester*, who hath lately been proclaimed a  
Traytor by His MAJESTY.



Whereas His Majesty hath set forth and commanded to be published in the County of *Chester*, divers printed papers in the forme of Proclamations, whereby Sir *William Brereton* Baronet, a person well affected to the publike, is without processe of law or judgement proclaimed Traytor, who hath carefully performed his duty in assisting the Parliament, and opposing those wicked Councillors and Cavaliers about the King, which endeavour the destruction of our Religion, and desolation of this land.

The Lords and Commons in Parliament do declare, that the said printed papers in the forme of proclamations, and the publishing thereof, are against the lawes of this Kingdom; and that such persons as have been, or hereafter shal be proclaimed Traytors by the said printed papers, or any other of the like nature, shal be defended and protected by the power and authority of Parliament, from any damage or prejudice to their persons or estates, by reason or colour of any such printed papers, or proclamations, heretofore published, or which shal be hereafter published or contrived against them; And the said Lords and Commons do hereby strictly forbid the publishing of any such printed papers or proclamations; And do authorize and require all Officers and other His Majesties good Subjects to apprehend, and to bring in safe custody to the Parliament, and to seize their goods and profits of their Lands, to be accomptable for the same to both Houses of Parliament, all such persons as have already published, or which shal hereafter publish any such printed papers or Proclamations, to the end they may receive due punishment for their offences.

January 14. 1642.

Ordered by the Lords and Commons Assembled in Parliament, That this Declaration be forthwith Printed and published, and read in all Parish Churches and Chappels in the County and City of *Chester*, by the Parsons, Vicars, or Curates of the same.

H. Elsynge Cler. Parl. D. Com.

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